

FORM PTO-1390 (Rev. 12-2001)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	Attorney's Docket Number CCS 0211 USNP
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. Application No. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/519018
International Application No. PCT/EP2003/006831	International Filing Date 25 June 2003	Priority Date Claimed 27 June 2002	
Title of Invention Spherical Pellet Containing A Water-Soluble Active Ingredient			
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US Brian Strong, Martin Kloemkes, Dieter Bachmann			

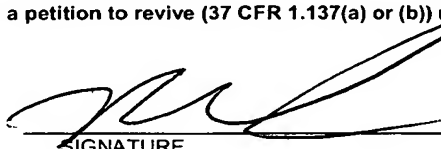
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau), as well as the Published Application No. WO 2004/002398 A2
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☒ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) has been filed in the PCT Request (Rule 4.17 (iv)). (unexecuted)
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: Preliminary Amendment
and Express Mail Certificate

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21. The following fees are submitted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee..... \$300.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee..... \$200.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee..... \$500.00 TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00				<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">Applicant use</th> <th style="width:50%;">Office use only</th> </tr> <tr><td>\$</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>\$</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>\$</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>\$1,000.00</td><td></td></tr> </table>		Applicant use	Office use only	\$		\$		\$		\$1,000.00	
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a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 10/0750/CCS 0211 US/NP/MZ in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.															
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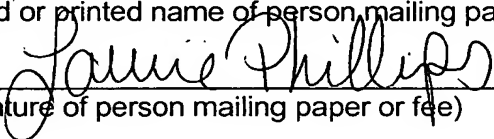
I hereby certify that this entry into the National Phase pursuant to 35 USC 371 contains complete application:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Return Receipt Postcard	(1 page)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PCT FORM 1390 Transmittal	(2 pages & 2 copies of same)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Copy of International Application as filed	(19 pages)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Declaration and Power of Attorney	(3 page)
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